inter-se priorities are the guiding principles.

(c) During the last three years, the Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned funds for the following projects in Kerala:-

1988-89

Wayside amenities at five places, a beach resort at Varkala and forest lodge at Neyyar Dam.

1989-90

Wayside amenities at two locations, a tourist resort at Athirapally, Yatri Niwas at Cannanore and support to organise Elephant March.

1990-91

Visitor's centre at Trivandrum, tourist lodge at Vaikom, purchase of tents, upgradation of properties, signage system, floodlighting of monuments, support for Nishagandhi dance festival and Elephant March.

(d) No, Sir.

Taking over Printing and Publicity Jobs carried from ITDC

6442. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Tourism has taken back the job of printing and publicity from India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) in contravention of the recommendations of the Committee on Public Undertakings and the earlier decision taken by the Government in regard to the transfer of publicity activities of the Tourism Department to the ITDC; and

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard and the details of steps taken in matter and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No Sir. From 1985-86, assistance of other agencies has also been enlisted to undertake the printing and publicity work of the Department, as ITDC could not single-handedly manage the quantum of work within the time schedules and specifications prescribed due to increased work load and budgetary allocation.

Bridge at Karimganj

6443. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS:Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an overbridge at station road Karimganj(Assam) in view of high density of traffic there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, the Border Roads Task Force Authorities have proposed a by-pass road near Karimganj Station which provides for construction of two road-overbridges at the points where the by-pass road will cross the railway lines.

[*Translation*]

Gas based Power Plant at Patna

6444. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up gas based power plant at Patna in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*English*]

Tourism Development in Kota

6445. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposees to provide financial assistance to beautify Kota City in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no scheme with Central Department of Tourism for providing financial assistance to the State Governments for beautification of cities.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Observation of Tourism fortnight

6446. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the desired success has not been achieved in the number of domestic tourists due to inadequate development of tourism facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to observe Tourism fortnight through railways and State transport corporations for the domestic tourists; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide concessional travel facility in railways and in bus fares to them during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present there is no such proposal,

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Production cost of Electricity in Uttar Pradesh

6447. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost per unit production of electricity being generated by power projects of Obra, Anpara and Shakti Nagar of U.P.;

(b) the supply rate per unit of electricity to Commercial and Non-Commercial consumers of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the rate at which the electricity is supplied to the Hindustan Aluminium Company (HINDALCO) and high Tech Carbon Industries at Renukoot since 1980-86; and

(d) the outstanding dues on account of supply of electricity against HINDALCO and high Tech Carbon Industries?